

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Paul Bernell Finley Jr Serial No.: 10/782,675 Filed: 02/19/2004 Title: MODIFYING A DHCP CONFIGURATION FOR ONE SYSTEM ACCORDING TO A REQUEST FROM ANOTHER SYSTEM Docket: AUS90030948US1	: Before the Examiner: : Matthew E Kessler : Group Art Unit: 4121 : Amy J. Pattillo : P.O. Box 161327 : Austin, Tx 78716 : 512-402-9820
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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On March 25, 2008 at 2:30PM EST, Applicants' representative, Amy Pattillo, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Kessler and supervisor Arani. Applicants appreciate the Examiner and Supervisor's willingness to discuss the claim amendments and the opportunity to provide clarifications. No exhibits were shown nor demonstrations made.

Applicants presented claim 9, as currently amended in the response dated March 10, 2008:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for modifying a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server configuration for a dynamically configured system within a network, comprising:

receiving a request from a first system to register for a lease time modification privilege at a daemon of said DHCP server, wherein said first system is an installation server for installing software on at least one dynamically configured system independent from said DHCP server, wherein said daemon of said DHCP server allows a plurality of systems to each register for at least one of a plurality of types of modification privileges at said DHCP server;

responsive to said first system qualifying for modification privileges, storing by said daemon a record of said registration at said DHCP server for authenticating any modify packets received from said first system;

receiving a first modify packet from [[a]] said first system [[at a]] by said daemon of said DHCP server which manages a stored configuration file specifying a dynamic internet protocol (IP) address for [[a]] said dynamically configured system, wherein said first modify packet requests an extension of a lease time of said dynamic IP address for said dynamically configured system for a duration of an installation on said dynamically configured system by said first system; and

responsive to said daemon confirming said first system as registered with said DHCP server, modifying by a service controller of said DHCP server said stored configuration file for said dynamically configured system according to said first modify packet received from said first system, such that said first system is enabled to request modification of said a-DHCP-server configuration file for [[a]] said dynamically configured system to maintain a same address for said dynamically configured system during said installation and said DHCP server controls the modification of said configuration file.

The Examiner indicated that the amendments to claim 1 would overcome the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) in view of Arberg, but that an additional search would need to be made and claim reexamined in view of the amendments and the additional search. In addition, the Supervisor noted that the 131 declaration would be taken into consideration, but that additional information would need be required for Applicants to antedate the application back to April 17, 2003. In particular, the Supervisor requested that the inventors sign the declaration and that additional documentation be provided showing due diligence from the point of conception to the filing of the application from April 17, 2003 to February 19, 2004. Applicants indicated that additional documentation could be provided as requested by the Examiner depending on if any art is identified and cited against the present application.

Applicants respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants to discuss any clarifying amendments which may be made to expedite allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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